

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez expressed his disappointment with House Republicans for preventing the passage of legislation that would provide tax cuts for the middle class and small businesses. Instead House Republicans went forward with legislation that would require tax cuts for special interests if we are to get any tax cuts for the middle class. Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement:

“House Republicans like to campaign as the party of tax cuts and the middle class but, when given the chance to act, they favor special interests over the economic welfare of the middle class. Today, House Republicans held income tax relief for working families hostage because they demanded that more relief be provided for the top 2% of all taxpayers. Additionally to pay for more relief for the top 2%, House Republicans would have to [increase taxes on members of the military and nearly 25 million working families](#)

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“House Republicans’ insistence to reward special interests first prevents the middle class from receiving the economic relief and certainty it needs. House Republicans need to quit playing politics and work with the rest of Congress to help grow the economy and create jobs.”

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